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SUBJECT; FIRE DAMAGE TO SOVIET MISSION CAR

REF: USUN'S 1872 AND 1891

1. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM SMUN RELATIVE TO BERDENNIKOV CAR BURNING INCIDENT OF MAY 18, 1974. INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. QTE: ON NIGHT OF MAY 18-19, A SOVIET AUTO, DPL-508, WAS DOUSED WITH BENZINE AND SET AFIRE IN FAR ROCKAWAY, AUTO WAS BEING USED BY DELEGATION OFFICER G.V. BERDENIKOV AND WAS PARKED AT 126 BEACH 27TH STREET, WHERE, SINCE MAY 18, HE IS TERMPORATILY LIVING.

3. QTE. THIS CRIMINAL ACT OF VANDALISM, AS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, WAS COMMITTED AT 3.30 AM IN MORNING BY UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MADE THEIR GETAWAY IN A WHITE CAR. THE 101ST PRECINCT WAS INFORMED OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED. A PACKET OF BURNT MATCHES WAS DISCOVERED AT PLACE OF INCIDENT AND WAS HANDED OVER TO POLICE AUTHORITIES.

4. QTE: G.V. BERDENNIKOV AND G.S. MARKOSOV, A SMUN
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OFFICER LIVING IN A NEIGHBORING HOUSE TOOK STEPS TO

PUT OUT FLAMES QUICKLY TO AVOID AN EXPLOSION OF AUTO'S GAS TANK, AS WELL AS TO PREVENT DANGER OF FIRE TO NEARBY HOMES.

5. QTE: AS RESULT OF THE ARSON, COMMITTED BY SOME ZIONIST "COMMITTEE" ACCORDING TO A NEW YORK RADIO REPORT, DELEGATION AUTO WAS PUT OUT OF OPERATION. THREE TIRES AND REAR SEAT WERE BURNED, REAR SIGNAL LIGHTS WERE DAMAGED, AND OTHER DAMAGE OCCURRED. COSTLY MAJOR REPAIRS ARE REQUIRED.

6. QTE: USSR MISSION ON THIS CONNECTION CANNOT BUT DRAW ATTENTION OF US MISSION TO FACT THAT THIS IS SECOND INSTANCE IN PRESENT YEAR OF ARSON BY MALEFACTORS AGAINST AN AUTO BELONGING TO SMUN AND ITS OFFICERS, WITNESS TO FACT THAT CITY AUTHORITIES AND POLICE ARE NOT TAKING STEPS NECESSARY TO PREVENT SUCH ACTS OF VANDALISM AND TO GUARANTEE SECURITY OF MISSION OFFICERS.

7. QTE: IT IS COMPLETELY EVIDENT THAT THESE HOSTILE ACTS ON PART OF EXTREMIST ELEMENTS AGAINST SMUN AND ITS OFFICERS ON DIRECT INVESTIGATION ARE NOT ONLY COVERED UP BUT ALSO ENCOURAGED BY LOCAL OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES. TESTIMONY TO THIS IS ACTUAL LEADING PARTICIPATION OF NEW YORK CITY MAYOR BEAME AND NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR WILSON IN PREPARATION AND CARRYING OUT OF ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED IN NEW YORK CITY BY HOSTILE (TO THE SOVIET UNION) ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS. AT DEMONSTRATIONS, AS IS KNOWN, MR. BEAME PERSONALLY MADE SPEECHES UNFRIENDLY TO SOVIET UNION WHICH COULD ONLY ENCOURAGE ZIONIST EXTREMIST ELEMENTS TO SUCH HOSTILE EXTREMIST ACTIONS AGAINST USSR MISSION AND ITS OFFICERS.

8. QTE: IN INFORMING USUN OF ABOVE STATED, SMUN LODGES ITS STRONG PROTEST AND DEMANDS DETECTION AND PUNISHMENT OF PERSONS GUILTY OF ARSON AGAINST SOVIET AUTOMOBILES, AS WELL AS COMPENSATION FOR REPAIRS OF MATERIAL DAMAGE. AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED LATER ON RECEIPT OF FINDINGS OF INSURANCE COMPANY.

9. QTE: SMUN ALSO DEMANDS THAT US FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TAKE URGENT STEPS TO GUARANTEE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL OF SMUN AUTOS BELONGING TO ITS OFFICERS. END QTE.

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